

## PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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# **Stakeholder Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 1, 2014

**Subject:** Online access to personal financial affairs statements (F-1s) and

Reviewing certain disclosure requirements

**Location:** Public Disclosure Commission

The Evergreen Plaza Building 711 Capitol Way Room 206

Olympia, WA 98504

teleconference option available upon request

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:00 AM

The Commission staff is soliciting input regarding potential online access to personal financial affairs statements (F-1s) filed by candidates, elected officials, appointed state officials, public university and college officials, and legislative and gubernatorial professional staff.

As part of its 2013-15 strategic plan, the Commission is also reviewing certain F-1 disclosure requirements. A workgroup was assembled and has reviewed:

- the feasibility of creating an abbreviated reporting option for certain local elected officials, such as those with very limited fiscal authority,
- reporting thresholds,
- how and when investments are reported, and
- the nature and extent of reporting affiliations and business interests.

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment on the workgroup's recommendations, which include:

#### Determining Who Files an F-1

- raise the number of registered voters threshold that determines who files an F-1 [LEG]
- add a jurisdiction's annual budget as a second filing trigger so that officials serving in small districts with significant fiscal authority will be required to file [ex: file an F-1 if there are more than XXX registered voters in the jurisdiction or the jurisdiction's annual operating budget is more than \$XXX] [LEG]

### Address and real property disclosure

• exempt domestic violence victims from disclosing an address or other real property location information when a protective order has been issued [PDC]

#### Dollar thresholds

- adjust dollar amounts for inflation [PDC]
- restructure the dollar ranges by combining Codes A and B and making the top ranges more explicit, such as \$100,000 \$250,000 and \$250,000 \$1 Million [LEG]

#### Disclosing investments

- change the disclosure requirement to be a year-end value instead of the highest value during the reporting period [LEG]
- raise the disclosure threshold from \$2,000 to a higher amount \$5,000 was suggested (the recommendation is to raise the amount, not simply adjust for inflation) [LEG]

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[LEG] = requires a legislative amendment
[PDC] = can be accomplished through rule making
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Comments made at the April 1 meeting will be summarized and presented to the Commission, possibly at its April 24 meeting. Contact Lori Anderson if you wish to receive notice of the Commission meetings where this F-1 review will be discussed.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting on April 1. Please send your questions or comments to the address above or by E-mail before the meeting to <a href="mailto:lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov">lori.anderson@pdc.wa.gov</a>, if you are not able to attend the meeting. Comment may also be made by answering the WA PDC F1 Survey.